and Consumer Courts, have been set up to expedite the disposal of cases. Information Technology is being used in generation of causelists, providing information to the litigants and advocates, for speedy disposal of cases. A Pilot project has been started for Networking and Computerisation of City Courts in the four metrocities of Delhi, Chennai, Kolkata and Mumbai to serve as a model. The project is aimed at augmentinq capacities of courts and speeding up their disposal through better-court management with the help of information technology. Fast Track Courts have been established for speedy disposal of pending cases.

Statement

Category- wise break up of pending cases as on 31.3.2003 in the High Court of Karnataka

Description of cases	Cases pending as on 31-3-2003
1	2
Main, Original, Civil	61665
Main, Original, Criminal	42
Main, Appellate, Civil	39952
Main, Appellate, Criminal	9242
Total Main cases	110901
Misc. Original, Civil	0
Misc. Original, Criminal	0
Misc. Apperate, Civil	0
Misc. Appellate, Criminal	0
Total Misc. cases	0
GRAND TOTAL	110901

Setting up of Fast Track Courts

†607. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether Government had issued instructions to the State Governments for setting up of the Fast Track Courts with a view to dispose-off numerous long pending cases in lower courts;

(b) if so, the number of States which have constituted the said Fast Track Courts so far and the reasons given by the other States for not setting up the same; and

(c) whether Government propose to take action against such States which have not constituted the said Fast Track Courts ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI P. C.THOMAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A statement showing the number of Fast Track Courts (FTCs) constituted by the States is given (*See* below).

Non-availability of proper accommodation is one of the main reasons for not setting up adequate number of Fast Track Courts.

As setting up of Fast Track Courts is within the domain of respective states, the Union Government have been persuading them to set up the FTCs expeditiously.

Statement

Number of fast track courts constituted by the states

Sl.No.	Name of the State	No. of FTCs Earmarked	No. of FTCs Notified by the States	No. of FTCs Functional in the States
0)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	86	86	60
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	5	3	3
3.	Assam	20	20	20
4.	Bihar	183	183	1 12
5.	Chhattisgarh	31	31	31
6.	Goa	5	3	1
7.	Gujarat	166	100	61

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
8.	Haryana	36	12	12
9.	Himachal Pradesh	9	2	
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	12	12	9
11.	Jharkhand	89	89	89
12.	Karnataka	93	36	35
13.	Kerala	37	27	27
14.	Madhya Pradesh	85	85	43
15.	Maharashtra	187	131	103
16.	Manipur	3	2	2
17.	Meghalaya	3	3	3
18.	Mizoram	3	3	3
19.	Nagaland	3	2	2
20.	Orissa	72	72	31
21 .	Punjab	29	16	16
22.	Rajasthan	83	83	83
23.	Sikkim	3	2	
24.	Tamil Nadu	49	49	49
25.	Tripura	3	3	3
26.	Uttaranchal	45	45	41
27.	Uttar Pradesh	242	242	242
28.	West Bengal	152	59	55
	TOTAL	1734	1401	1136

Vacant posts of Judges

608. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state: